

REMARKS

Claims 3-6, 8-11, 14-16, 18-21, and 23 are pending. Independent claim 14 is amended to incorporate subject matter previously presented in claim 17, which was indicated as being allowable. Independent claim 19 is amended to incorporate subject matter previously presented in claim 22, which was indicated as being allowable. Claims 18 and 23 are amended to depend from claims 14 and 19, respectively. Claims 17 and 22 are canceled.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen R. Tkacs', written over a horizontal line.

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